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INFORMAL FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT : OPRED: Intelligence Personnel Overseas

REFERENCE: O/Compt Memo May 8: DCI Letter to Deputy
Secretary Rush, April 10, 1974

1. Re your session with Under Secretaries' Committee, many OPRED-related problems would remain to be dealt with even should the present Under Secretaries' Committee operation be terminated. As the only centralized source of comprehensive data on the numbers of personnel serving overseas under the control of American missions (others are under the military commands), the OPRED staff serves a useful function. I believe therefore that it would be useful to support continuation of an accounting function in State while finding ways in which to minimize its more burdensome aspects, along the regional lines advocated in your letter to Brown.

2. [redacted] our State Department assignee, is in close touch with the OPRED group. We have full access to its records on intelligence-related positions. We are prepared to support you if problem cases arise (assuming Under Secretaries' Committee does not scrap OPRED entirely).

3. We have discussed the idea of having an IRAC review of the broad picture on, say, an annual basis. This could reduce the temptation for OMB or State to loiter on the more routine-type questions. It could also be a vehicle for expressing your support for specific human resource ceilings by region. Would it be useful to broach the subject in IRAC?

4. If so, IRAC views can be solicited on:

a. Utility of such a review.

b. Timing: Just prior to congressional discussion of the intelligence budget appears useful.

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